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toward a land ethic

THE LEOPOLD EDUCATION PROJECT



Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever's LEP Newsletter

Summer Special Edition 2011

2011 Leopold Education Project National Conference Travels West

Come Join Us in Albuquerque! July 28-30, 2011

By Janine Kohn, National LEP Coordinator

This year's theme is Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic-Then and Now: *Discovering the Past, Creating Our Future*

Gather with experienced professionals from around the country as we discover how various organizations, agencies, land owners, educators and youth are creating their own sense of "land ethics" and sharing it with others in their communities across the United States. Investigate Leopold's roots as a forester, visit his

first homestead where he managed the land and learn about the changes which have occurred since the time Leopold worked and lived in the southwest. Discover new programs ideas, techniques and resources that will enhance your education programs through a wide array of exceptional seminars, field trips and speakers. This is simply a spectacular line-up and an event you don't want to miss this year!



Leopold Education Project 2011 National Conference Agenda at a Glance

Thursday – July 28th

Pre-Conference Sessions

7:00 am Meet at Marriott lobby to attend Field Trip to Tres Piedras. Enjoy a beautiful ride to Mia Casita (Leopold's home) and listen to insightful "Special Guests" as they share stories of Leopold and his time in the Southwest. Learn what the US Forest Service is currently doing at the site and take home valuable information to share with others. Enjoy a visit and side trip to beautiful Taos on the way home! Lunch included.

9:00 am Enjoy one-day LEP training for educators at Rio Grande Nature Center. Come learn from the best facilitators in the country and discover how tips and tricks on the brand-new award winning LEP curriculum: Exploring the Outdoors with Aldo Leopold. Participants of this workshop will receive curriculum materials, lunch and additional take home resources!

Land Ethic Leaders workshop hosted by the Aldo Leopold Foundation. (This workshop training begins Wednesday and continues throughout Thurs.) Come learn to lead activities based on observing the natural world, participating in service, and reflecting individually and as a group. Explore, renew, and deepen your own connection to the land and receive a copy of Green Fire public screening kit to share with your community.

Poolside Reception at the Marriott and welcome by the US Forest Service

Friday – July, 29th

Welcome

Key Note: Famous author and conservationist, William deBuys

Morning & Afternoon Concurrent Sessions Presented by Professionals from Around the US Focusing on:

- Natural Resources & Management/Habitat
- Environmental Education
- Community Outreach

Special Showing of *Green Fire* Film

Friday Evening

LEP Banquet Hosted by Greater American Ribs and Pheasants Forever

Saturday – July 30th

Welcome

Keynote Speaker: Renowned USFWS Wildlife Biologist and leader of the Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program-David Parsons

Special Hands-On Mini-Workshops

Awards Luncheon

Concurrent Sessions

Saturday Evening

Special Evening Southwest Dinner and Twilight Program at a private horse ranch

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Keynote Speakers

William deBuys

Writer and conservationist William deBuys is the author of six books, which range from memoir and biography to environmental history and studies of place. A native of Maryland, he attended the University of North Carolina, where he was graduated with highest honors in 1972. Soon afterwards, the writer and social critic Robert Coles brought him to New Mexico as a research assistant, initiating deBuys's deep relationship with the cultures and landscapes of the Southwest.

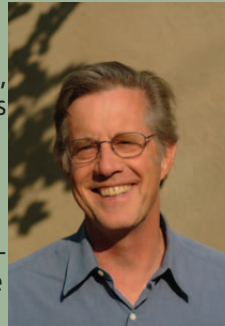
DeBuys earned an MA and PhD in American Civilization from the University of Texas at Austin, finishing in 1982. He was named a Lyndhurst Fellow for 1986-1988, a Carl and Florence King Fellow at SMU in 1999-2000, and a Guggenheim Fellow in 2008-2009. Today he lives on the farm he has tended since 1976 in the remote village of El Valle in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains between Santa Fe and Taos.

William deBuys's books include *Enchantment and Exploitation: The Life and Hard Times of a New Mexico Mountain Range*, which won a Southwest Book Award and is now in its ninth printing; *River of Traps*, which was recognized as a New York Times Notable Book of the year and was one of three finalists for the Pulitzer Prize in General Non-Fiction in 1991; *Salt Dreams: Land and Water in Low-Down California*, which won the Western States Book Award and several other prizes; *Seeing Things Whole: the Essential John Wesley Powell*; *Valles Caldera: A Vision for New Mexico's National Preserve*, winner of a Southwest Book Award; and *The Walk*, an excerpt from which won a Pushcart Prize in 2008.

DeBuys has long been active in environmental affairs. From 1982 to 1986 he directed the North Carolina Chapter of the Nature Conservancy and from the late 1980s through the 1990s he represented The Conservation Fund in the Southwest. His efforts have led to the permanent protection of over 150,000 acres of wild lands in North Carolina and the Southwest.

From 1997 to 2004 he developed and directed the Valle Grande Grass Bank, a cooperative effort involving ranchers, conservationists and public agencies in the rehabilitation of rangelands in northern New Mexico. In 2000 the effort earned the National Range Management Award from the U. S. Forest Service. From 2001 to 2004, under appointment by President William Clinton, he served as founding chairman of the Valles Caldera Trust, which administers the 89,000-acre Valles Caldera National Preserve under an experimental approach to the management of public lands.

DeBuys is currently writing *A Great Aridness*, which examines the precariousness of life in the Southwest and the likely impact on the region of climate change, which promises to transform the Southwest as emphatically as it is already altering the Arctic.



David Parsons



David Parsons received his Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University and his Master of Science degree in Wildlife Ecology from Oregon State University. Dave was a career Wildlife Biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where from 1990 to 1999 he led the USFWS's Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program. Dave's interests include the ecology and conservation of large carnivores, protection and conservation of biodiversity, and wildlands conservation at scales that fully support ecological and evolutionary processes. He is the Rewilding Institute's Carnivore Conservation Biologist.

Dave was a graduate advisor in the Environmental Studies Master of Arts Program at Prescott College, Arizona, from 2002 to 2008. He advises organizations and coalitions advocating for wolf recovery and landscape-scale conservation in the Southwest. Dave is currently a member of the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Team.

In 2001, Dave received the New Mexico Chapter of The Wildlife Society's annual "Professional Award." In April 2007 at the North American Wolf Conference, Dave received the 2006 "Alpha Award" for his "outstanding professional achievement and leadership toward the recovery of Mexican wolves." In May 2008 Dave received the "Outstanding Conservation Leadership Award" from the Wilburforce Foundation and the "Mike Seidman Memorial Award" from the Sky Island Alliance for his conservation achievements. Dave, who enjoys wildlife viewing, floating pristine rivers, and wilderness backpacking, lives in Albuquerque, NM.

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2011 LEP NATIONAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Friday, July 29

9:00 am **Keynote:** Famous Author & Conservationist, William deBuys

Friday AM Concurrent Sessions 1 (1 HOUR SESSIONS)

10:15-11:15 am

A Sand County Almanac for the Sight Impaired

Presented by Teri Rogoway, California LEP State Coordinator

Come learn how to adapt the LEP curriculum for people with sight impairment. Get familiar with the activities through hands on participation and practice. Join us for a fun and engaging practical exercise that will help give you ideas while gaining a true understanding of your audience. Although designed to help you adapt your program for the sight impaired, these activities can be done with all visitors.

Journaling for Youth Field Days

Presented by Luann Waters, Oklahoma LEP State Coordinator

Need an outside or inside activity? You have come to the right place! Discover how to decorate journal covers using items you have on-hand. The best part – you don't have to be an art teacher to introduce folks to recording fun memories in a unique way and the bonus: youth have a great resource to take home! Session will include a helpful demonstration and a variety of examples on ideas to take back to share with others. Handouts will include: list of suggested materials, "how-to" notes and resources to enhance your very own hands-on programs back home!

Bridging the Gap: How to Make Citizen Based Monitoring Projects Work for Educators and Students

Presented by Jessica Miller-Naturalist, Mosquito Hill Nature Center

Citizen Based Monitoring (CBM) is a term used to describe ongoing scientific research performed by volunteers who may have little to no scientific background or training. Come join us as naturalist Jessica Miller will discuss various CBM projects available and how schools, nature centers, environmental organizations and even private land owners can benefit by taking part in this wonderful community opportunity!

Friday AM Concurrent Sessions 2
11:30-12:30 am

Down the River with Aldo Leopold

Presented by Curt Carter, Owner and CEO of Land for Learning Institute, Illinois LEP State Coordinator

Join us as we explore the roots of Aldo Leopold's inspirations. Learn how his camp, river and field experiences shaped his perception of the natural world. Learn activities and techniques to inspire the "Leopold" in all of us. Learn why some of Aldo Leopold's best work was stained with camp coffee and smelled of wood smoke. Our goal in education is not the filling of a pail.....but the lighting of a fire.....a campfire!

T.U.N.E.-The Ultimate Nature Experience

Presented by Bob Hix, Colorado/Wyoming PF Field Representative; Stan Barthlame, Colorado PF Youth Education Chair; Jerry Miller, Colorado Farm Bill Biologist and CO LEP State Coordinator

Remember the days of camp? Getting outdoors, getting dirty and learning how to fish? Those days and opportunities are becoming less and less. Join us and learn how Pheasants Forever has teamed up with several Colorado partners to bring those opportunities back to life! Listen to how a team of volunteers is living Leopold's land ethic by connecting youth with habitat and outdoor activities which occur in these beautiful habitats!

Thinking like a Mountain? Youth Engagement in New Mexico Forest Restoration

Presented by Tori Derr, University of Colorado-Boulder

Join us and learn how youth engagement has been a component of the Collaborative Forest Restoration Program since its inception in 2001. This session will share experiences in the early development of this unique curriculum and activities which engage rural youth in meaningful ways. Discover the opportunities and challenges in getting youth involved in the program and listen to how perspectives among the younger generations changed after the Ojo Peak fire of 2007.

Friday PM Concurrent Sessions 1
2:00-3:00 pm

Partnering Youth Leadership and Community Resources

Presented by Celeste Prussia, University of Missouri, Missouri LEP State Coordinator

Now in its third year, the GLADE program provides training to rural students in habitat restoration, conservation biology, and leadership. GLADE participants envision local environmental projects and guide the implementation using community partners and resources. Come learn how you can create this concept in your community!

Site Sustainability and Resource Management on a Large Government Campus: Approaches & Achievements

Presented by Jack Mizner, Sandia National Laboratories

Join us as we share the highlights of Sandia National Laboratories. Learn about the goals, initiatives and accomplishments in this unique setting. Since 1949, Sandia National Laboratories has developed science-based technologies that support our national security. Today, 300+ million Americans depend on Sandia's technology, solutions to land use planning/conservation, resource management and environmental sustainability on this 18,000-acre facility.

Making the Case for Environmental Education

Presented by Melissa Arthur, Kansas Association for Conservation & Environmental Education; Kansas LEP State Coordinator

Join us as we provide an overview of current research outlining the physical, emotional, social and cognitive benefits of outdoor experiences & education programs. Participants will enhance their background knowledge of the field, and learn how to use this research to promote their programs at home!

Friday PM Concurrent Sessions 2
3:15-4:15 pm

School in the Woods: A Public School Where Young Naturalists Learn from the Land

Presented by Carol Stansfield, Educator and Founder of School in the Woods

Imagine a school where elementary students spend an entire year learning in, about, and from the natural world. The curriculum grows from the Ponderosa Pine forest which surrounds the school. Join us as we journey through a year of outdoor fun and discovery at the "School in the Woods" and take home ideas on how to connect your students to the land.

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Developing a Land Ethic in an Urban National Park, Mississippi National River and Recreation Area

Presented by Brian Goodspeed, U.S. National Park Service

Sharing the "Land Ethic" is critical. Yet, urban realities, education policies, and agency inertia provide ongoing challenges. What strategies may we employ to win the day? Learn how Minnesota's National Park, through a wide variety of opportunities, is making that connection to the outdoors through riverboats, canoes, trails and site visits! It is time to bring the "Park" to the city!

Land Ethic Leaders "Mini Session"

Presented by Jennifer Kobylecky and Anna Hawley, Aldo Leopold Foundation

Join us as we read a short piece of writing focused on the environment and then discuss it, exploring on our personal and communal connections to nature. Enjoy a preview of our full-length program!

Saturday, July 30

9:00 am Keynote: Renowned USFWS Wildlife Biologist & Leader of the Mexican Gray Wolf Recovery Program, David Parsons

Saturday AM Mini Seminars (2 HOURS) 10:15-12:15 pm

Linking the "Land Ethic" Through Diverse Types of Spirituality

Presented by Dr. Richard Jurin, University of Northern Colorado

Leopold connected people to nature without saying spirituality, yet what does spirituality really mean and how can it be included in any EE program without alienating diverse beliefs and values? Come join us as we learn through interactive discussions ways to understand perspectives and techniques to relate to diverse groups.

Exploring LEP's New Award-Winning Curriculum: Tips & Ways to Use Them!

Presented by Suzanne Hirrell, AR LEP State Coordinator & Treva Breuch, WI LEP State Coordinator

Join us as we discover tips and tricks on using the new LEP activities in both Exploring the Outdoors with Aldo Leopold and Lessons in GPS Technology. Learn

how easy these resources are to use in outdoor programming with parks, nature centers, zoos and various types of youth events!

Community Ecosystem Monitoring: Citizen Science at its BEST!

Presented by Kimi Scheerer, Education Coordinator for the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP), Bosque School

Get your community involved in real, hands-on scientific research! Learn how BEMP (a 15-year ecosystem study that uses K-12 grade students & teachers) can model to help create a citizen science program for your agency, nature center or school.

A Habitat Scavenger Hunt: Incorporating Technology into the Landscape

Presented by Dougg Wright, Naturalist-the Outdoor Discovery Center, MI LEP State Coordinator & Phoebe Atkinson, Education Director- Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, OH LEP State Coordinator

Technology is a large component of our society-so why fight it? Learn how to incorporate GPS with lessons on the landscape at your facility or at your youth programs! (Personal GPS units optional)

Saturday PM Concurrent Sessions 1 2:00-3:00 pm

An LEP Model to Train Homeschoolers

Presented by Celeste Prussia, University of Missouri, Missouri LEP State Coordinator

Through a grant from Aldo Leopold Foundation and LEP, a workshop model to train homeschooling parents was developed to remove the barrier of "what to do with the kids while I'm in training?" Find out how a pre-service education class, the homeschooling parents and their children were brought together for a successful series of trainings.

"Plugging-In" the Outdoors: Using Augmented Reality Games to Connect People to Nature

Presented by Beth Folta, SUNY-College of Environmental Science and Forestry

What are augmented reality games? It is the hot new ticket in technology! Come learn how augmented reality (AR)

games can be used to connect youth and families to nature! Participants will be able to visualize a game in action and engage in a discussion session on potential uses and ways to use AR in their EE community programming.

Getting Teens Excited about Nature & Interested in Climate Change!

Presented by Lisa Silva, Bilingual Environmental Educator & International Tour Guide

Listen to 6th-9th grade girls explain how and why they're involved in Girls Gone Green (GGG). Learn how GGG has grown from its initial "paradoxical twist" that has teens teaching adults about Climate Change.

Saturday PM Concurrent Sessions 2 3:15-4:15 pm

Aldo Leopold's "Land Ethic" Alive in Africa

Presented by Jeannie R. Magill, filmmaker & International Tour Guide

Join us and learn about Aldo Leopold's philosophies and how they have connected African communities to the land through natural resource management. Discover how land stewardship in Africa is rejuvenating the land, wildlife, domestic stock and renewing ethnic pride and purposefulness. Enjoy excerpts from the famous PBS documentary, *Milking the Rhino*.

Getting Published-Where do I Begin?

Presented by Mark Herwig, Editor of Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever and Upland Tales magazines

Join us and learn how you can get your articles and photos published and your name out there! Discover where to look, what editors are looking for and how to get started. Share your stories with others!

Earth-ART-Diaries: Creative Engagement with the Natural Environment

Presented by Ramsey Lofton

Earth-ART diaries offers participants of the session creative ways to engage their environment whether in their backyard or visiting a park. A visual survey of earthARTwork will provide inspiration to co-create a Mandela made from natural elements. Learn fun ideas to take back to your educational facility and share the natural world through art with others!

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THE 2011 LEP NATIONAL CONFERENCE Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic-Then and Now

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<u>Event</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Early Bird Registration (received by June 30)	\$300	=
Regular Registration (after June 30)	\$325	=
Friday Only (July 29)	\$175	=
Saturday Only (July 30)	\$175	=
Additional Person Friday Night Dinner	\$20 x _____ persons	=
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<i>Speaker Discount</i> (only if accepted as a presenter)	(- \$50)	= -
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Pre-Conference Workshop (Thursday, July 28)	\$35	=
<i>Exploring the Outdoors with Aldo Leopold</i>		
Activities for Your Youth & Community Events		
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Pre-Conference Field Trip (Thursday, July 28)	\$45	=
<i>Aldo Leopold's Mia Casita at Tres Piedras & Visit to Taos</i>		
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Land Ethic Leaders Workshop (July 27 & 28)	* Register directly at greenfire@aldoleopold.org	
<i>Conference Registration (includes Fri. - Sat. conferences and Fri. - Sat. lunch and dinner)</i>		

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LEP STATE COORDINATORS

LEP is currently working to provide each state with a coordinator for facilitators. LEP state coordinators develop a community of educators with the common experience of LEP training. This provides structure with which to plan, share ideas, co-facilitate workshops and organize functions on a state and local level.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Readers-A Final Note:

The 2011 LEP National Conference is just around the corner and don't forget to register for early bird by July 1st! The collection of presenters and special events is like no other and we hope you will be able to join us! Be sure to visit www.lep.org for up to date information, lodging info, forms and conference program. It is time to relax and enjoy a different part of the country, make it your summer vacation and be sure to tell your friends! Looking forward to seeing you there!

A special thanks to our Sponsors and Partners who helped bring this wonderful event to New Mexico. Your dedication, time, efforts and financial support are greatly appreciated!

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Special Events and Evening Highlights

• Visit to *Mia Casita*

Enjoy an outing at the home that Aldo Leopold built while working for the Forest Service at Tres Piedras & special side trip to Taos

• Rio Grande Nature Center hosts a pre-conference LEP workshop

Come learn about the award-winning LEP resources!

• Land Ethic Leaders Workshop

Explore Leopold's philosophies and your own personal connection to the land in this 2-day workshop hosted by the Aldo Leopold Foundation

• Special showing of *Green Fire*

• Opening Reception

Kick-off our celebration at the Marriott poolside as the US Forest Service welcomes the group to New Mexico and enjoy a special award ceremony presented by Dana Vackar-Strange and Janine Kohn in honor of the late Richard Becker. Stay for social hour-meet new friends and catch up with old friends!

• Friday Night Banquet

Enjoy our Friday night banquet hosted by Pheasants Forever and Greater American Ribs. Take part in the special silent auction and raffles!

• Evening at the Posada Ranch

Saturday night festivities will find attendees at a beautiful southwest horse ranch where we will end the conference in southwest style! Enjoy a panel of Leopold relatives as they share their stories of Aldo Leopold and how they are living the land ethic today! End the evening with a special musical performance!



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